# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## Thursday, the 8th August 1946.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 10-30 a.m., Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

### I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Question No. 18[a]."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Nobody is in the House to answer question 18."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Is the Leader going to answer? (After a pause) We will pass on to question 19[b]."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Minister for Law is not here."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—" Hon. Members have not known that the House sits at 10-30 to-day. Even I learnt it only accidentally."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am sorry. It was announced to the House. But hon. Members who went away earlier did not know it. I think the Hon. Minister for Industuries and Labour is not in town. He told me yesterday he was going away."

SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know, Sir, whose fault it is that hon. Members are not aware of the time of the sitting of the House."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not know."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—" That is the reason for the poor attendance in the House itself."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The poor attendance may be due to so many causes. I think the Minister for Industries and Labour told me that he would not be here to-day. I presume arrangements must have been made to answer questions. The question may be taken up a little later."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The questions may be taken up a little later."

MR. PRESIDENT :—I pass on to the next question."

*Number of schools and the strength of each in certain taluks of South Kanara district.*

*20 Q.—SRI D. MANJAYYA HEGDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many elementary schools are maintained for educating the boys of Puttur, Karkal, Coondapoor and Kasaragod taluks, South Kanara district, and where they are;

(b) how many of these schools are working and what the strength of each school is;

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[a] Vide pages 178–179 infra.

[b] Vide pages 179–180 infra.

(*c*) how many of these schools belong to the panchayats and how many to the district board; and

(*d*) how much grant in money is paid to these panchayat schools?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"(*a*) to (*d*) The information has been called for and will be placed on the table of the House when received."

*Elementary education in the backward districts.*

* 21 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether for the development of elementary education in the backward districts of the Province special grants were made for some years in the past;

(*b*) what the amounts of such grants districtwar during each year were;

(*c*) the number of schools started by each local body every year and what the present total number of schools and the strength districtwar are;

(*d*) whether it is proposed to continue the system of special grants;

(*e*) whether the sanction of dearness allowances to teachers employed in the schools was taken into account in fixing these grants;

(*f*) whether the amounts paid towards dearness allowances have resulted in deficits;

(*g*) whether the local bodies concerned have asked for increased grants to make up the deficits;

(*h*) whether the Government have ordered the closure of the newly started schools in order to balance the budget without making corresponding increase in the grants to make up the deficits;

(*i*) if the answer to (*h*) is in the affirmative, whether such efforts as have been made till now to promote elementary education have been practically rendered useless; and

(*j*) whether the Government have also been requiring local bodies to submit schemes for the expansion of elementary education as a measure of post-war development?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative. Seven district boards have been given special subsidy for the purpose.

"(*b*) The maximum subsidy sanctioned from provincial funds to each of the district boards is given below:—

| Name of the district board. | For each of the years 1943-44 and 1944-45. | For 1945-6. |
|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. |
| Cuddapah .. .. .. .. .. | 30,000 | 50,000 |
| Chittoor .. .. .. .. .. | 56,000 | 93,500 |
| Kurnool .. .. .. .. .. | 40,000 | 66,740 |
| Bellary .. .. .. .. .. | 38,000 | 63,400 |
| Anantapur .. .. .. .. | 44,000 | 73,400 |
| Salem .. .. .. .. .. | 1,35,000 | 2,25,260 |
| East Godavari Agency District Board. | 7,000 | 11,700 |